

CHANGED FROM GLORY TO GLORY

2 Cor. 3:12-18

2 Cor 3:12 Newness of spirit & radiance of Gospel never fade away ...

Plainness: be outspoken, frank, blunt, confident, bold, speak fearlessly

Wiersbe: *When you are a part of a ministry of increasing glory, you can be bold in what you say; and Paul did not hide his boldness*

2 Cor 3:13 Unlike Moses, we have nothing to hide. Exo 34:29-35

Why put veil on face? **2 Cor 3:13** So Israelites might not gaze upon finish of the vanishing ...they could not observe him as glory faded away.

Ministry of Moses done in shadows, types, mysteries & symbols of something better to come.

Heb 10:1-12

2 Cor 3:14 Not only Moses' face veiled ... people of Israel's' minds blinded.

They didn't notice. *Blinded:* petrify, indurate, harden. Lost power to understand. Rom 11:7

John 12:40-41

Blinded by their own religion in very midst of their own religion.

...for until this day ... They don't notice there's nothing left behind that veil.

Which veil is done away in Christ. Veil of misunderstanding removed only by believing in Christ. 2 Cor 4:4; 1 Cor 2:9

2 Cor 3:15 Even though OT plainly and clearly reveals Christ, there is a veil upon their heart.

2 Cor 3:16 When heart turns to Lord, veil removed.

Turn to the Lord: convert, revert; turn about...

Repentance: person turns from unbelief to belief...from OT law to NT Saviour/grace...from sin to Jesus Christ. About face.

Whenever Moses went into presence of Lord, he took off veil. Exo 34:35

Tasker: *For whenever any man or woman turns to Christ and confronts Him in direct personal encounter, it is a sign that everything that has hitherto interposed itself between the believer and his Saviour has now been removed.* Acts 16:14

2 Cor 3:17 *The Lord is that Spirit* Christ & Holy Spirit are one Jn 10:30; 1 Jn 5:7

...there is liberty. Anywhere find manifestation of Holy Spirit also find obvious, supernatural sense of freedom; free from control or restraint Rom 8:21; 1 Cor 8:9; Gal 5:1; 13

Matt Hen: *... heart is set at liberty, and enlarged, to run the ways of God's commandments.*

Wiersbe: *The Judaizers who had invaded the church at Corinth were depending on the Law to change men's lives, but only the Spirit of God can bring about spiritual transformation. ...*

Mac: *There was nothing in the old covenant to energize obedience. The Law was a jailer, locking up sinners and condemning them to death and hell. But the new covenant liberates through the power of "the Spirit [who] gives life"*

Holy Spirit gives freedom from every kind of bondage:

Of the Law: Gal 5:18

Of Fear: Rom 8:15

Of Sin: Rom 7:6

Of Corruption: Rom 8:21-23

2 Cor 3:18 Climax of chapter. Unlike people under law in the OT. covenant ...we, like Moses, can come into God's presence with open face (unveiled).

Through Jesus Christ we can approach throne of Jehovah boldly. Heb 10:19-20; 4:16

Glass: look at oneself or at something in mirror; a symbol of God's Word. (Jas 1:22-25)).

Beholding: Gaining grasp on, coming to place of enlightened understanding.

Changed: Transformed, transfigured, progressive sanctification

Wiersbe: *This change is an internal change. Metamorphosis is a term that describes the process that changes an insect from a larva into a pupa and then into a mature insect. The changes come from within..*

Image: likeness, profile, statue, representation, resemblance. Likeness of Jesus Christ As we look at Him in the Word, we begin to take on His likeness. We begin to resemble His life in world. **From glory to glory:** process.

Mac: *from one level of glory to another.*

Barnes: Moses. *The splendor on his face gradually died away. But not so with the light reflected from the gospel. It becomes deeper and brighter constantly. ...there is a continual increase of moral purity and holiness under the gospel until it results in the perfect glory of heaven. ... Christians advance in piety; and that this is done by the contemplation of the glory of God as it is revealed in the gospel.*

Process

1. Behold Him through Word
2. Impacted by His reflection
3. Changed into His image
4. Step at a time.

Even as by the Spirit of the Lord: As a direct and supernatural result of Holy Spirit's actions in life.

So What?

1. We can be bold in our presentation.
2. At salvation, the veil over our hearts is removed.
3. When the veil comes off there is liberty
4. Through power of Holy Spirit and Word we are being changed little by little into His image